

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF DIAMOND AND GOLD
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is laying special emphasis on the excavation exploration of diamond and gold, so as to reduce its import;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) the details of diamond and gold imported and produced in the country during each of the last three year, till date, State-wise, Union Territory-wise;
- (d) the number of employees working in Kolar Gold Mine till date; and
- (e) the number of employees granted Voluntary Retirement Scheme(VRS)?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a)&(b): Mining of minerals depends broadly on availability of mineral resources, economic viability, demand of the market etc. The Central Government has enunciated the new National Mineral Policy, 2008 which envisages streamlining and simplifying the procedures in grant of mineral concessions in order to attract investment into mining sector.

(c) : Data on import of diamond and gold during the last three years are given below:

Super Group	Commodity Name	Commodity Name & Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (P)
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Diamond	Diamond (Industrial)	(CRT)	14705	12244	4503
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Diamond(Mostly cut)	(CRT)	138786704	124743440	119625535
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Diamond Powder	(TCA)	23372	47795	56848
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Gold	KG	782864	723780	725817
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State wise production of gold is given below:
(in Tonnes)

State	2005-06	2006-07 (provisional)	2007-08 (up to September) (provisional)
Karnataka	2.846	2.336	0.014
Jharkhand	0.201	0.154	1.495
Gujarat			
(as by product)	6.710	10.335	5.312
Total	9.757	12.825	6.821

Production of diamond was limited to one State and details are given below

	(in carats)			
State	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (April to December)	(provisional)
Madhya Pradesh	44170	2179	481	

(d) &(e) : As per available information, Kolar Gold Mine was closed with effect from 1.3.2001 and all the production activities were

suspended. 3580 employees were disengaged from the service. All the disengaged employees have been paid full and final settlement of amount under STBP (Special Terminal Benefit Package).